

**Response from Commissioner Amey Marrella from the Dept. of Env. Protection**

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Dear Ms. Botelle:

Thank you for your e-mail dated March 12, 2010 that you sent regarding the legislatively proposed land swap in Haddam and East Haddam. I recognize that this issue, first proposed last year, has generated a great deal of local attention and concern, and I thank you for the opportunity to clarify the Department's position on the topic.

The Department of Environmental Protection is not the sponsor of this legislation, nor are we supportive of it. We are aware that local business interests in Haddam and East Haddam have advanced a plan to develop a portion of state land near the Connecticut River in Haddam, and that they have offered lands that they own on both sides of the Connecticut River in exchange.

As you may know, House Bill 5520 is scheduled to be heard at a Public Hearing before the Government Administration and Elections Committee on Friday, March 19th. I would urge you to address your concerns regarding this proposal with members of the General Assembly.

We appreciate the time you took to write to the Department, and trust that this response addresses your concerns. If you would like to speak further on these issues, please feel free to contact Tom Tyler, Director of DEP's Office of Constituent Affairs and Land Management. Tom can be reached at 860-424-3099 or at tom.tyler@ct.gov

Yours truly,
/s/
Amey Marrella
Commissioner

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